

# Press Release

# Wall of Death will come alive in the European Parliament.

A Member of the European Parliament Ivo Strejček (ODS, EKR) and Civic Association PAMĚŤ cordially invite you to the unique exhibitions entitled Wall of Death and Millers from Babice, which will take place in the European Parliament.

Brussels, 25 January 2010 - Over fifty years two families had to wait for an explanation of where their fathers had disappeared. Two workers were passing their time during a night shift at exploratory wells by fishing in the river Dyje. They never returned home. It was the year 1956 and coming close to the Iron Curtain was deadly dangerous. One of the dozens of tragic stories was untangled only after investigation of researchers and a document that was brought to the Czech Television by Civic Association PAMĚŤ. The projection of the document Lost Fathers with participation of its authors will be a part of the exhibition Wall of Death and Millers from Babice. The exhibition will be opened by Ivo Strejček MEP and representatives of Civic Association PAMĚŤ in the European Parliament in Brussels on the 2nd of February at 2p.m. and will last only to the 3rd of February included.

In addition to the two documentaries (Lost Fathers; Wires that killed) the exhibition will on twenty four boards present further stories and events whose common origin is the Iron Curtain. "I am very glad that I was given the opportunity to help the documentary makers and the exhibition organizers "said Ivo Strejček, a Member of the European Parliament. "Long twenty years after the fall of the Iron Curtain there is still something to be discovered, we still must take our hat off to those whose human desire for freedom cannot be stopped by wires with electricity. Such an exhibition also helps Czechs and Austrians to look for common memory, which I consider extremely important. "

"The exhibition and television documentaries have really aroused a strong and positive response among our southern neighbours," said Miroslav Kasáček of the Civic Association PAMĚŤ. "I expect and look forward to welcoming in the European Parliament a number of Austrian diplomats and Members of Parliament that we have invited."

#### Content of the exhibition:

### **LOST FATHERS**

The documentary was broadcasted on the Czech Television at the end of 2009. It is the story of two missing Austrian fishermen. The story waited over half a century to be unravelled.

#### WIRES THAT KILLED

The short documentary about the Iron Curtain.

## **MILLERS FROM BABICE**

12 boards presenting stories of people condemned to liquidation.

#### **BREAK THROUGH THE IRON CURTAIN**

11 boards documenting the origin of the Iron Curtain and the stories of people who tried to break through it risking their lives.

### Time and place:

2 February 2010 2p.m., the hall Yehudi Menuhim, 1st floor PHS building, the European Parliament, Brussels